



*August 17, 2010*



**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama Youth Council (AYC)  
September 14, 2010 at Hewitt-Trussville High School!**

***Sign-In: 8:45 - 9:15 a.m. & Departure: 2:30 p.m.***

Memorandum from Dr. Morton, State Superintendent of Education  
(<http://www.thefocusprogram.com/uploadedFiles/File/LetterfromDr.Morton.pdf>)

The keynote speaker for the Alabama Youth Council will be Ben Glenn, "The Chalk Guy." Visit his website at [www.simpleadhdexpert.com](http://www.simpleadhdexpert.com).

**Register online at [www.acptp.org](http://acptp.org) (<http://acptp.org/apps/ayc-registration.php>)!**  
For more information about AYC visit [www.thefocusprogram.com](http://www.thefocusprogram.com)  
(<http://www.thefocusprogram.com/pages/?pageID=16>).



Contact Sue Jones at [sjones@thefocusprogram.com](mailto:sjones@thefocusprogram.com) for new materials for implementing the FOCUS Program. You may receive: (1) a copy of the new FOCUS Implementation Manual (2) 4 GB USB Drive and (3) 2009 "Alabama Guide to Family and Community Resources". These materials are FREE to all participating schools while supplies last!



**Register for the 2010-2011 School Year to update FOCUS information!**



**Order FOCUS T-Shirts!** (<http://www.thefocusprogram.com/uploadedFiles/File/FocusT-shirtOrderForm.pdf>)

The 2010-11 T-Shirt will be 100% cotton, black, with the FOCUS logo screened in color on the front. *Deadline for Orders: September 10, 2010*



**Welcome to Our New FOCUS Schools!**

Winterboro High School  
*Talladega County*



The FOCUS Programs wants to acknowledge your school's hard work!

The FOCUSED & Featured section of The FOCUS Program was created to acknowledge schools that have implemented the FOCUS Program within their school and, as a result, have created a successful prevention (of HIV/AIDS and other adolescent risk behaviors) activity or project.

Each month a school will be selected and will be highlighted in the upcoming month's FOCUS eNewsletter. In order to submit your school's successful prevention activity or project simply fill out the FOCUSED & Featured Form (<http://www.thefocusprogram.com/uploadedFiles/Focused%20&%20Featured%20Form/>)

4).pdf) and email the completed form to April Smith ([asmith@thefocusprogram.com](mailto:asmith@thefocusprogram.com)). In order to be considered for the upcoming month's eNewsletter all FOCUSED & Featured Forms must be submitted by the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month.



### **Alabama School for the Deaf (ASD) Provides FOCUS Elective Class**

After six years of offering FOCUS as an extra-curricular activity and attending statewide events, ASD is now providing the opportunity for students to participate in FOCUS through an elective class. Special thanks to Mr. Paul Millard, principal, and Ms. Apryl McCurdy, facilitator, for their dedication and support of the FOCUS Program.



Health observances are days, weeks, or months devoted to promoting particular health concerns. Teachers, students, community groups, and others can use these special times to sponsor health promotion events, stimulate awareness of health risks, or focus on disease prevention. Materials available from sponsoring organizations range from a single flyer to packets of promotional materials. For more information on monthly health observances visit the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services website ([www.healthfinder.gov/nho](http://www.healthfinder.gov/nho)).

### **August Health Observances**

- 1: National Minority Donor Awareness Day
- 1-31: Children's Eye Health and Safety Month
- 1-31: National Immunization Awareness Month
- 8-14: National Health Center Week

### **September Health Observances**

- 1-30: Childhood Cancer Month
- 1-30: Fruit and Veggies – More Matters Month
- 5-11: National Suicide Prevention Week
- 15: National School Backpack Awareness Day
- 18: National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day
- 30: World Heart Day



The FOCUS Program website has been recently updated! Visit the Participating Schools (<http://thefocusprogram.com/focus-schools/>) webpage and you can view all participating schools by their county!

**facebook**

The FOCUS Program is now on Facebook!  
(<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=49776916454>) Become a member of our group and join us in the prevention of HIV/AIDS and other adolescent risk behaviors!

**For more information and assistance with your prevention efforts please utilize the following web sites.**



**Have you been to our website recently? Be sure to check it out at [www.thefocusprogram.com](http://www.thefocusprogram.com)!**

*The FOCUS Program's eNewsletter provides links to articles and websites with information on current events, research, funding opportunities and other items related to the prevention of HIV/AIDS and other adolescent risk behaviors. The inclusion of this information does not imply endorsement by the FOCUS Program and the opinions expressed do not necessarily represent the official position, policies or views of the FOCUS Program.*